

cerivastatin, and simvastatin, in an amount effective to suppress MHC class II expression in said mammal.

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3. (amended once) A method to achieve MHC-class II mediated anti-inflammatory effect in a mammal with an MHC Class II-mediated inflammatory or autoimmune disorder characterized by IFN- γ inducible Class II transactivator expression, the method comprising administering to said mammal at least one statin selected from the group consisting of compactin, atorvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, mevastatin, cerivastatin, and simvastatin, in an amount effective to suppress MHC class II expression in said mammal.

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15. (amended once) The method of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein said statin is administered in the absence of any other immunosuppressive agents.
16. (amended once) The method of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein said amount is between about 10 to about 80 mg per day.
17. (amended once) The method of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein said amount is between about 20 to about 40 mg per day.

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35. (amended once) A method of treating a patient afflicted with an autoimmune disease characterized by IFN- γ inducible Class II transactivator expression, comprising administering to said patient a compound that inhibits 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A (HMG-CoA reductase) in an amount effective to treat said disease.

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37. (amended once) A method of treating a patient suffering from an autoimmune disease or condition characterized by IFN- γ inducible Class II transactivator expression comprising:
- administering to said patient at least one compound, capable of measurable HMG-CoA reductase inhibition and inhibition of MHC Class II expression in said patient, in an amount effective to treat such autoimmune disease or condition.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of the claims showing the changes made appears as Appendix A of this Amendment.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims so as to clarify and more particularly indicate the claimed subject matter, and to better indicate the claimed subject matter of the invention. No new matter is added. The amendment is made for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution.